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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
UPON ENTRY INTO NATIONAL STAGE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

N.E., Please amend claim 1, in its first line, by deleting "(or similar)".

Please amend each of claims 2 through 12, claim 13, in its second line, and each of claims 14 through 19, in its first line, by changing "where" to --wherein--.

Please further amend claim 5, in its first line, by changing "any preceding claims" to --claim 1, 2 or 3--.

Please further amend each of claims 7, 8, 9, and 13, in its first line, by changing "claims" to --claim--.

Please further amend claim 11, in its second line, by changing "and the" to --having a-- and, in its third line between "plate" and "includes", by inserting --that--.

Please add claims 20 through 25, as follows: